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FOR AMBASSADOR SELDEN AND AMBASSADOR OLMSTED FROM SQUIRE

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AGENCIES

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1. AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS OTHER USG AGENCIES IS SET FORTH IN 22 USC 2608A. PERTINENT PORTION IS QUOTED BELOW: QUOTE:

SEC. 16. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT --

(1) THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY SHALL HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIRECTION, COORDINATION, AND SUPERVISION OF ALL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THAT COUNTRY, EXCEPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR PERSONNEL UNDER THE COMMAND OF A UNITED STATES AREA MILITARY COMMANDER;

(2) THE AMBASSADOR SHALL KEEP HIMSELF FULLY AND CURRENTLY INFORMED WITH RESPECT TO ALL ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITHIN THAT COUNTRY, AND SHALL INSURE THAT ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

IN THAT COUNTRY, EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL UNDER THE COMMAND OF A UNITED STATES AREA MILITARY COMMANDER, COMPLY FULLY

WITH HIS DIRECTIVES, AND

- (3) ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HAVING OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES IN A COUNTRY SHALL KEEP THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THAT COUNTRY FULLY AND CURRENTLY INFORMED WITH RESPECT TO ALL ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THAT COUNTRY, AND SHALL INSURE THAT ALL OF ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL UNDER THE COMMAND OF A UNITED STATES AREA MILITARY COMMANDER, COMPLY FULLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE DIRECTIVES OF THE AMBASSADOR. END QUOTE. (PUB. LAW 93-475)
- 2. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT: A) YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO REGULARLY REVIEW PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS IN YOUR JURISDICTION BOTH WITH REGARD TO NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND THE AREAS IN WHICH THEY ARE WORKING; B) YOU SHOULD REVIEW AND APPROVE ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PERSONNEL OR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND C) YOU SHOULD REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT IF YOU BELIEVE PROGRAMS ARE MISDIRECTED OR ARE ALLOCATED TOO MANY OR TOO FEW RESOURCES.
- 3. IN CARRYING OUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU WORK CLOSELY WITH THE VARIOUS PEACE CORPS COUNTRY DIRECTORS. OBVIOUSLY, YOU WILL HAVE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELY HEAVILY ON THEIR JUDGMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, YOUR FINAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON YOUR OWN ASSESSMENTS OF HOST COUNTRY NEEDS AND USG POLICIES AND PRIORITIES. IN MAKING THOSE DECISIONS YOU WILL ALSO WANT TO BEAR IN MIND SECRETARY VANCE'S MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

- 4. WE ARE FORWARDING TO YOU BY POUCH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO NUMBERS OF VOLUNTEERS, TRAINEES AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS IN YOUR COUNTRIES OF RESPONSIBILITY. IN THE MEANTIME, YOUR PRELIMINARY COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
- 5. FOR WELLINGTON. WE HAVE NOT SENT THIS MESSAGE TO SUVA BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT IF YOU CHOSE TO REPEAT IT FOR FLANEGIN.
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